



# Lake County Coastal Plan Committee Minutes

August 25, 2010

The Lake County Coastal Plan Committee hereby finds and determines that all formal actions were taken in an open meeting of the Lake County Coastal Plan Committee and that all the deliberations of the Planning Commission and its committees, if any, which resulted in formal actions, were taken in meetings open to the public in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Chairman Boyd called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. at the North Perry Village Community Center in Madison. Visitors at this meeting were: Mr. Fred Haas of Eastlake; Mr. Larry Reichard, N. Perry Village Planning Commission; Mr. Rick Amos, Perry Township Trustee; Mr. Bill Mattingly, North Perry Village Councilman; and Mr. Dwayne Bailey, North Perry Village Zoning Inspector and Director of Construction. Mr. Abe Bruckman is representing Mr. Martin from Mentor for the first time.

North Perry Village Mayor Ed Klco, was thanked by the Chair for providing food and the facility for the meeting.

## ATTENDANCE

The following members were present: Messrs. Advey, Bodnar, Bruckman (alt. for Martin), Cain, Gilmer, Klco, Welch, Zeitz and Mmes. Brennan and Taylor. Staff present: Mr. Boyd, and Ms. Myers.

## MINUTES

Mr. Advey moved to approve the February 24, 2010 minutes as submitted. Mr. Welch seconded the motion.

All voted "Aye".

## OLD BUSINESS

### Madison Township Parks

Mr. Boyd stated there was a meeting a few months ago with the engineering and design shoreline contractors, representatives from OEPA, ODNR, Madison Township Trustees, and the Army Corp of Engineers. Madison Township submitted their permitting information and a \$5,000 fee to OEPA. The project will consist of three or four offshore barrier islands, depending on the permits. These islands will ideally be about 100 feet offshore. As long as permits are not held up, they plan to begin construction at the Madison Township Park in July 2011 and estimate completion by November 2011. Development will consist of two phases. The first phase will have three breakwaters. The second phase will consist of improvements to the existing boat launch.

Stanton Park continues to move along. The Township and developer continue to work through the due diligence period. While coastal design issues can move ahead, the Township is working with Lake County Port Authority and Federal Highway Administration on applicable uses of dollars within the park.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Perry Township – Mr. Amos, Trustee

Mr. Amos said the minutes from the last meeting covered the current Perry Township situation well. The contract work is really going along very well and on schedule. They decided to look at the second phase of the work to be done at Perry Township Park and requested quotes for some engineering work for offshore barrier islands. The bids came in leaving a little money left over and they are hoping to get some additional funds. They started the process of getting some design work and also some permitting processes and hope to be putting the barrier wall in the water next year for more protection and the creation of beach. Mr. Amos stated the community center is booked way over a year in advance.

To the west of the property they have now and the Roosevelt property, a piece of lakefront property was acquired by the Township. Lake Metroparks is working to finalize the acquisition of 130 acres of lakefront property at the elbow of Blackmoore Park and Clark Rd.

### Eastlake – Mark Cain, Amy Brennan

The five-acre island acquisition at the mouth of the Chagrin River was a joint effort by the Eastlake Port Authority, Chagrin River Watershed Partners and Lake Metroparks via a CMAG grant that has been completed. They are also working on North Island, an approximately 35-acre island also at the mouth of the river. Title searches are being done to find who the best person to approach about the island's preservation. Mr. Cain said Mr. Urbanski is working on this project. It will take a while to complete the title searches.

Mr. Cain had received a couple calls from First Energy and deferred the conversation to the Chair. Mr. Boyd related that probably the most visited public site in Eastlake is the fishing pier that is technically owned by First Energy, which is essentially a paved parking lot. Mr. Boyd had sent a letter to Dave Wareham at First Energy in Akron asking if they had long-term plans for this property on Lake Erie and brought him up to speed on the coastal initiatives from Eastlake Chagrin River Park to the City of Willoughby and the fishing pier amenity ideas. Mr. Wareham called back within a week and said he thought this was a very exciting project and asked if there was a lease with the City. Mr. Boyd found out there was a lease and a sublease on the property and sent Mr. Wareham the information. He hopes something more will become of this endeavor. The City of Eastlake does have some money from the 2009 State Capital Budget grant they received, which should be directed to public open space.

Mr. Cain expressed his concern for the residents involved in this area who are hearing all kinds of rumors and are worried about their land being taken. It may be beneficial to get information to them on the intent and scope of this potential project to relieve their anxieties. This is a joint effort project between the City, Lake Metroparks and the Planning Commission. They are working on getting a solid footprint.

Ms. Brennan stated, as the opportunities present themselves and if the fishing pier rises to the top of the list of improvements just because of the situation, and with willing partners, this would be something augmenting existing amenities the people in this area are already utilizing.

Mr. Cain said canoeing & kayaking on the river started two years ago and has been an overwhelming success even though there were people who were against it in the beginning. Different communities are coming out now. He thanked the members for their hard work because the project almost got squashed a couple of times and this committee was helpful in keeping it going.

Mr. Zeitz stated a couple of acres of vacant land on Ridge Road in Eastlake that sold last year in January for \$10,000 is for sale again. The City of Eastlake owns it.

#### Ashtabula County

We have been approached by a County Commissioner about getting Ashtabula on board and trying to link this initiative together with them. Euclid has good steam rolling on their lakefront project. Ashtabula would be the other shoreline bookend. They asked me to meet with them next Tuesday. This could become a multi-million dollar regional endeavor.

#### Willoughby

The City of Willoughby applied for a CMAG grant for a master park plan for Osborne Park. It is a highly active park with 800 feet of shoreline. They are looking to potentially build a fishing pier and a beach to activate the north end of that park. They previously never had the finances to engineer this area.

#### **COMMUNITY UPDATES:**

*Lake County Development Council* - Dave Gilmer – There will be a Development Council Forum on October 20 and Dr. Michael Ryan of the Federal Reserve will be talking on the economy from 7:30 – 9:30 a.m. at La Malfa in Mentor. There will also be a woman from the Plain Dealer discussing why business is the way it is. Everyone here is welcome to come.

*North Perry Village* – Laurie Taylor, Ed Klco, Dwayne Bailey – Mayor Klco stated the marina/beach project is mostly done. They are to meet with the Army Corps of Engineers and ODNR in a couple weeks and hope to have the controversy written in the paper come to a conclusion. He said the Village followed all the codes and they still have controversy. He also addressed the nine wind turbines that will be starting construction soon – 6 at Antioch Rd. and 3 on Rt. 20. This is a joint venture with Painesville Municipal Electric and has been in council for about five years. This is the first project in the country to have two communities taking these steps together.

Mr. Bailey stated North Perry had just completed their first summer in June and had only heard good reviews on the shoreline project from their residents. As Mayor Klco stated there has been some controversy from the neighbors in the papers. He used the analogy of pulling a permit to build a two-story home, following the rules and after the second story is built, a neighbor decides his azaleas are dying because the second story blocks the light from them. They were about to sit down to the table and some of the discussion topics have been, realistically, about removing several million dollars of our project to accommodate a majority of misinformation, substituted facts and photographs with their tearful testimonies. The Village would like to have the input from this group and other residents to back them up with facts in the face of these types of complaints. The folks to the east of the project are claiming we have stopped the littoral flow. We are not disputing that there may be some impact from our project, but not to the extent they are stating. If the media continues like this and too much regulatory red tape gets added, the lakefront development will stop. Mr. Mattingly agreed with Mr. Bailey and stated that anyone on the lakefront knows beaches come and go. When it comes to putting a project on the Lake, you need people to back up the projects.

Mr. Boyd assured them that this Committee is behind all seven projects included in our coastal plan. Our phones have also been ringing on this topic. The utmost due diligence was used in the conceptual land planning we did. We are completely supportive of these projects. We were responsible for the conceptual planning.

*Painesville Twp.* – Lee Bodnar – This Committee, rather than maybe rubber stamping any other projects and giving validation, may serve a better purpose by establishing a framework and an intellectual and educational dialog between entities that have concerns and problems rather than having these things being fought in the chambers of council or the newspapers. This committee might possibly want to investigate a facilitory role for allowing dialog to take shape so when ODNR or OEPA or Army Corps enter into the picture in a council meeting that could be perceived as one-sided dialog, there should be an unbiased stakeholder present.

The Dream House this year is the first one on Lake Erie. Sales were great and comments were good about being close to the lake. A building on Bacon Road was sold to a company that processes fish food. Marc's in the Painesville Shopping Center is moving west in the old Tops building and is just about doubling their square footage to become the biggest retail outlet in the Marc's network.

*Mr. Zeitz* – You can't fool Mother Nature. These controversies will always be an issue.

*Mr. Haas* stated he was here because he supported the Eastlake projects regarding the Chagrin River & Anchorage Island and is looking forward to the North Island project.

*Mentor* - Abe Bruckman – Grants Coordinator for Bob Martin. Lakefront development issues will be part of what he is looking at in his job. Today he went through the Mentor marina with Mr. Martin because of the maintenance construction project being done there. He is also a boat owner. He was happy to be at the meeting.

Mr. Boyd took this time to congratulate North Perry Village on its wind turbine project. He hoped we would be invited to check out the turbines when they are done and share information, especially on the noise level issues.

Mayor Klco agreed to allow this. He explained Painesville is working with NexGen Energy Partners LLC, who is putting in the turbines; electric will be handled by Painesville Municipal Electric; and the turbines will be in North Perry Village. The Village residents will receive a 7% discount on their bills. This is a win/win/win situation.

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, November 17, 2010. Location to be determined.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned by member consensus at 7:15 p.m.